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request : 5  
description (excluding sequence listing part) : 15  
claims : 2  
abstract : 1  
drawings : 1  
sequence listing part of description :  
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